



Castle Hotel, St Andrew's Street 1907 – 62.07

c.44.6: St Andrew's Street

1898 06 14

The Cambridge surveyor gave particulars of what the council propose to do to the roads. From Station Road to St Andrew's street it was proposed to lay Australian "Jarrah" hardwood blocks in the whole of the carriageway. These blocks would also be laid between the tramlines. In Corn Exchange Street the paving was now granite, very rough, large setts being used. They had been put down probably 30 or 40 years. It was now proposed to substitute the wood blocks.

1899 04 19

The days of the Cambridge Spinning House are numbered. It is to be pulled down in order that a house of detention after the best approved modern ideas may arise on its site. There is no more stirring chapter in the history of modern Cambridge than that which this forbidding looking building in St Andrew's street recalls. It speaks of many things which the Cambridge of today is glad to forget. It is an ugly monument of an ugly feud between the authorities of the University and town. The feud is dead: would that the razing to the ground of the Spinning House were sufficient to efface all memory of it

1899 06 13

Frederick Lawrence of the Belmont Cycle Works, King St, was summonsed for furiously driving a motor car in St Andrew's street, Cambridge. Defendant said he had had a deal of experience in motor-cars. They were going about 6 miles an hour. They were using the "Large" lever by which the car was unable to go more than 8 mph. The magistrate said that when there was considerable traffic in a street 6 mph constituted furious driving. A fine of £1 was imposed.

1899 11 02

When residents in St Andrew's street, Cambridge, saw a procession of cabs passing onward "all mournful and slow" to the railway station the people knew that someone had been sent down from the University. From Emmanuel College a youth emerged and under a shower of rice made hurriedly for the cab waiting at the door. The driver, "Gentleman Joe" wore a tall hat draped with crape, and so did

the drivers of some four cabs what followed. The hero of the hour entered the Great Northern Station, the train moving out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne". Meanwhile the cabbies grove back to their respective stands. They were of more cheerful aspect on the return journey and each puffed a festive cigar.

1899 11 24

An unusual incident took place in the Baptist chapel. St Andrew's street, Cambridge. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev Jackson of Reading who preached a very able sermon. Afterwards the Rev. Charles Keene, who was in the audience, occupying a seat in the gallery, rose and made a few remarks criticising what the preacher had said. Mr Keene was quietly heard and when he had finished Mr Jackson thanked him, and the service was closed in the usual way.

1900

1900 02 28

The building which stands off St Andrew's street, Cambridge, and which has recently been erected through the munificence of Mrs Lewis & Mrs Gibson, members of the congregation of St Columba's Presbyterian Church was formally opened. The need for such a hall had long been felt and is undoubtedly one of the best buildings of the kind. It has cost no less than £2,000 & is lighted with electric light.

1900 03 09

The large ornamental advertising lamp which hung outside the Star and Garter, Petty Cury, Cambridge, all but cost Mr Ernest Simpkin, a tailor of Russell Street, his life this afternoon. He was walking along the Cury when a bus ran very close to the kerb. The top caught the lamp with such force as to bring it with a crash to the ground and one of the brass ornaments struck him on the side of the head. He was conveyed in a hansom to Mr Lucas, surgeon of St Andrew's street for medical treatment.

1900 04 19

Cambridge Town Council were told a conference had been held between two members of the committee and the Master and Bursar of Emmanuel College with reference to the construction of a new street from Drummer Street to St Andrew's Street, and the closing and giving up of Emmanuel Street to the college.

1900 12 21

A middle-aged labourer employed at the New Police Station buildings, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, met with an accident. He was on the top scaffold, shifting roof principals. In doing so he tumbled off the platform and fell a distance of 18 feet to the next floor, breaking his jaw.

1900 12 24

A Corporation employee descended beneath the surface of the road in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, with a candle in his hand and approached the gas main running under the tramlines. This pipe contained a leakage, and a quantity of gas was escaping. The flames of the candle caused the escaped gas to explode and flames shot up out of the cavity in an alarming manner. The employee arrived at the surface little the worse for his experience. Traffic was suspended for some time until the leakage was repaired.

1901 03 05

There is good reason for believing that before long St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, will be materially renovated. The Police Station has gone, the Spinning House has followed suit and now the alterations of the last of the three pre-historic buildings are in contemplation. The Chapel is not exactly a thing of beauty and the removal of the present front in favour of one of greater architectural beauty will be a welcome contribution to the aesthetics of Cambridge. A committee has

under consideration whether the present chapel should be “mended or ended”. At any rate the present front must go.

1901 04 18

Cambridge Council reported that in 1900 a meeting had been held with Emmanuel College as to the terms of exchange of the site of Emmanuel Street for a piece of ground to form a new street from St Andrew’s street to Drummer Street. The existing street was the chief means of access to the centre of the town and carried a very considerable proportion of traffic with 1,030 cyclists on Saturday. The new road would be nearly 100 feet shorter and wider. Mr Campkin suggested the advantage would rest largely with the College.

1901 06 19

St Andrew’s Street subsidence, p2

1901 10 02

A young bull with journalistic instincts paid a hurried visit to the editorial department of the C.D.N. The editor’s assistant went to the door on hearing a slight knock to be confronted by the bull, who evidently desired to see the “chief”. As the animal did not present a card, a movement was made to get him off the premises. In this a butcher’s boy rendered great assistance and the courageous animal trotted merrily into St Andrew’s Street to resume his journey to happier surroundings.

1901 11 11

St Andrew’s Street footpath, p3

1901 12 07

The wood paving of the main street of Cambridge from the station to the post office has now been completed and last evening the men engaged in the work had a dinner at the Red Lion. When the mind is carried back to the days of the Long Vacation when St Andrew’s Street was so decidedly ‘up’, some impatience may be forgiven to shopkeepers and householders who were anxious that normal conditions should be restored. Credit should be given to the police for the excellent way the traffic was regulated during the ‘upheaval’. There was not a single accident.

1901 12 18

Sir – Crowds which perambulate St Andrew’s Street, Cambridge, on Sunday evenings have been growing in numbers and disorderly conduct and unless something is done we shall soon have a reproduction of the conditions prevailing in many of the large manufacturing cities. I am no prude, but to those going and returning from places of worship these crowds are an intolerable nuisance. In almost every parish with an artisan population there is an institute or club or reading room, but how many of these are opened for free use on Sunday. Should not the clergy seek out and rescue these lads and girls from the vice and immorality which is involved in their method of “getting through Sunday”.
– J.J.

1902 01 17

Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade’s new fire station in St Andrew’s Street is in telephonic communication with different parts of the town through the National telephone Co and by means of ten fire alarm posts. There are three permanent salaried firemen on duty, one during the day, and two during the night. They have a double call bell to the stables of the Lion Hotel where there were two horses in readiness to be called out for the fire tender. It was contemplated to have a steam fire engine but how soon it would come it was not possible to say.

1902 01 24 c

An accident of somewhat curious character occurred in St Andrew’s Street, Cambridge. A butcher’s cart collided with a tram and the wheel of the cart went on to the platform of the tram. A mail van then collided with the tram and cart and for a while everything was in disorder. The vehicles were with difficulty separated without, fortunately, anyone being injured.

1902 11 10

Notice to Entertainment Providers. Messrs Coulson & Co of St Andrew's Street Cambridge have purchased one of the latest Cinematograph Machines that it is possible to get. This machine is capable of showing 2,000 feet of pictures without any breakages. Pictures shown are very bright and steady and any size up to 20 feet may be obtained. It can be used either in dining room or public hall with equal safety. Sleight of hand and other items of entertainment can also be supplied.

1903 01 28

St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, is to be swept away and another more ornate is to be substituted. It has often excited the curiosity of strangers and not a little ridicule has been bestowed upon those who have worshipped in such a prison-like building. Even Charles Spurgeon described it as suitable for private executions. The new building will have both a tower and spire and be worthy of the prominent position it will occupy.

1903 05 06

The work of rebuilding St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, has reached an important stage with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. The travelling crane upon the elevated railroad around the site was stationary, the workmen had turned their attention to the erection of a platform to accommodate the spectators. An important factor was the bottle placed under the stone which may in some remote age meet the gaze of an explorer yet unborn, the contents being a plan of the church, a programme of the day's ceremony and a copy of the CDN.

1903 08 19

Sir – last evening I met three horses running loose and apparently unattended along Mill Road, Cambridge. Some distance behind them two men were being dragged along by a young horse which they were evidently trying to 'break in'. Carts, cycles and other users of the road overtaking them had to slow down until they could dash past & foot passengers had to seek safety in doorways. I have also frequently met in St Andrew's Street a high-spirited, high-stepping horse being led by a single rein about 20 feet long, the other end being held by a man on a bicycle! These things ought not to be allowed in our streets – Citizen

1903 09 24

The result of the Rochester by-election was received in Cambridge about 10.20pm and was announced to all and sundry by the ascent of the Cambridge Daily News balloon with its coloured lantern attached. An alternative signal of a green flare from a parapet overlooking St Andrew's Street was also given, and the numbers were read out from the door of the CDN. A large crowd assembled in the vicinity and the announcement was received with cheers, mingled with an occasional groan. The news was conveyed to the New Theatre where it was announced from the stage by Mr Charles Gerant, who worked it cleverly into his dialogue. It was received with enthusiastic and prolonged applause from all parts of the house

1903 10 23

St Andrew's Street chapel weathervane, p3 *

1904 01 28

St Andrew's street chapel, p3 *

1904 02 01

The new St Andrew's Street Baptist chapel, Cambridge, was formally dedicated. The exterior of the building is captivating, the interior is beautiful and the structural arrangements for the comfort of the congregation well considered. Unfortunately the pastor who had so strenuously worked on the scheme was unable to attend due to illness but so that he should not be entirely deprived of participation in the events the deacons arranged to have the speeches delivered in the building transmitted to his home by means of electrophone

1904 02 01

Sir – I read of safety concerns about the new St Andrew's Street Baptist Church in Cambridge. No public building in Cambridge is better provided with safe and speedy exits. The new gallery can be cleared in much less time than before; all the doors open outwards, the stairs are wide, the exits are accessible and unobstructed. The chapel is lighted by electricity but there is an auxiliary service of gas which can be brought instantly into use. Panics very rarely occur in ordinary religious assemblies and we have taken all reasonable precautions to deal with an unexpected calamity – Chas. Joseph

1904 02 19

Cambridge Liberals have been turned out of their handsome home in St Andrew's Street. Few provincial political clubs have had such a palatial clubhouse with large lofty rooms, spacious hall and staircase with a terrace overlooking gardens. The deceased Alderman, Henry Rance, who built the extensive premises practically ruined himself in the process. Members are now removed to a property in St Tibb's Row formerly occupied by a now defunct newspaper until new premises are completed on the site of the old Bird Bolt Hotel.

1904 03 09 c

On any evening youths of between fourteen and eighteen roam about the principal streets of Cambridge for hours. This is not an altogether innocent activity. For them the streets are not thoroughfares but a rendezvous from whence 'the temptations of our streets' proceeds. It is difficult to attract these young people to the churches; for some years a small institute with two rooms and a pantry has been open in St Andrew's Street for reading, games, boxing, Indian club exercises. It is managed by a committee of University men and its success has now emboldened them to hold lantern services in the Victoria Assembly Rooms

1904 04 21

Cambridge Paving Committee received a memorial from a number of residents in the Hobson Street area calling attention to the present state of the carriage-way. They directed the Surveyor to report the cost of paving the street with wood blocks, together with the portion of St Andrew's Street from the tramway terminus. But Hobson Street was used by very few people; traffic was not half what it used to be and as the trams were likely to be electrified it would be better to wait. However a great amount of traffic came from Newmarket Road to the centre of town down King Street; very often there was a great block of traffic in Sussex Street because it was dangerous to go down Hobson Street where the pebbles were very uneven. Traffic went on dropping, and business went on dropping, simply because the street was so badly paved.

1904 11 05

St Andrew's street builders, p4

1904 11 22

Frederick Silk told the court that he was driving the prison van along St Andrew's Street in Cambridge when he ran into a handcart & knocked its 63-year old driver down, cutting his hands and face. The man had been drunk and pushed the cart into his wheel; there was no other traffic on the road at the time. Silk could not stop because he was going to the station with the 'Black Maria' to fetch some prisoners from the 4.30 train. He was fined £1

1905 07 17

The new Cambridge buses have experienced their first small accident. The 'Light Blue' was slowing down in St Andrew's Street and drew up close to the kerb in order to take in a passenger. The incline of the road naturally caused a slight tilt of the bus and as the cradles of the street lamps project over the road the two met with the result that the top of the lamp was bent and a pane of glass smashed.05 04 17a

1905 04 20

Cambridge Street Tramways Company have determined to improve their service by constructing an extra passing loop in St Andrew's Street opposite Emmanuel College to enable them to double the number of trams on that route. But no cart would be able to pass if two trams were standing together and there was already a great deal of traffic at the dangerous corner with Downing Street. There was talk of some 20 motor 'buses and if so it was unlikely whether any other traffic would venture in the streets at all 05 04 20c

1906 01 31

The new Cambridge Liberal Club premises in Downing Street includes an assembly room with a ladies gallery, reading, smoking and games rooms. But it has nothing that can compensate for the loss of the beautiful garden they enjoyed in their old home at Rance's Folly in St Andrew's Street. It will be formally opened by the Solicitor-General. 06 01 31a

1906 02 22

In 1901 an agreement was made with Emmanuel College for the closing of Emmanuel Street and the opening of a new one nearer Christ's Lane. It had been needed when electric trams were being planned to remedy a dangerous corner with St Andrew's Street – but there would be a more dangerous corner to the proposed new street. Now some councillors called for the agreement to be cancelled. However the council had entered a binding contract and they were honour-bound to carry it out. 06 02 22a,b,c

1906 04 10

George Edward Foster was the principal partner in the banking firm of Foster and Co which was amalgamated with the Capital and Counties Bank. He never married and concentrated his whole energies on the undertaking which attained great dimensions through his skilful direction. His wealth enabled him to be munificent to an unusual degree. When St Andrew's Street Baptist Church was replaced he gave £1,500 towards the new structure 06 04 10a

1906 05 08

Water colour exhibition by M.C. Greene, A.G. Chataway, A.J. Pertz & M. Watson of the Garden Studio, St Andrew's Street – 06 05 08a

1906 12 19

The handsome new Norwich Union building with its ornamental white stone façade finally stands out in bold relief. Downing Street and St Andrew's Street corner is freed from inconvenient hoardings at last. The builder was summonsed for delay in removing them: there were periods when no work was being carried on at all. Throughout construction a policeman had needed to be on point duty at a cost of £250. But he had made genuine attempts to get the work through in a reasonable time. He was fined a nominal one pound. 06 12 19a & b

1907 01 09

A new development of gas lighting in St Andrew's Street renders the exterior of the New Theatre almost as light as day. By the use of an automatic compressor the power of ordinary incandescent light is increased fourfold but cost of the gas consumed is halved. There are two other installations in Cambridge, one in the locomotive department at the railway station and the other at Messrs Crossman's knitting factory in Norfolk Street. 07 01 09

1909 01 22

Cambridge New Theatre was built on the site of an arcade of small shops from St Andrew's Street to Parkside. The arcade became a roller-skating rink but this proved a bad speculation. It was taken by the Conservative Club who christened it St Andrew's Hall, where amateur theatrical performances were sometimes held. Mr Redfern leased the building which he reconstructed and in 1882 the first performance was given in 'The Theatre Royal'. Then in 1895 the foundation stone of the New Theatre was laid. 09 01 22

1909 04 09

The Rev Charles Joseph, minister of St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, has had a varied career, having been a commercial traveller and journalist with a weekly column in the 'Baptist Times'. He came to Cambridge in 1898 and oversaw the erection of the new chapel in 1903. His forcible preaching is so much appreciated that he is in constant request as a special preacher and his engagement book is full many months ahead. 09 04 09

1909 07 02

Harry Johnson, senior partner of the St Andrew's Street firm of newsagents, was endued with gentle courtesy and had not the personality which enters upon public contests with joy. He was a member of the Free Library Committee from 1875 and supported the Liberal Club, Young Men's Christian Association and the Peace and Arbitration Society. He was one of the earliest directors of the General (Histon Road) Cemetery Committee and treasurer of the Cambridge Esperanto Society. A large number of townspeople attended his funeral, anxious to pay their respects. CWN 09 07 02

1909 10 29

A terrible story of the most revolting cruelties imaginable was told by the secretary of the Congo Reform Association to a large audience at St Andrew's Street Chapel. He had seen natives with their little baskets of rubber being whipped by white men. The rules state they may be given 28 strokes in one day but this must stop if they bleed or faint away. Christian men and women should to use their influences to secure better conditions. CDN 09 10 29

1909 11 19

The latest addition to the numerous miniature rifle clubs has been formed in connection with the Loyal Suffolk Hussars at Ye Olde Castel Hotel, St Andrew's Street. - CWN 09 11 19

1910

1910 01 14

Mr Paget's supporters held a torchlight procession through Regent Street, Emmanuel Road, Fitzroy Street, King Street and St Andrew's Street. Torches of many kinds, some of an evidently hastily prepared character, were held aloft and Mr Paget rode in a carriage in the centre of the procession, which included about 30 horsemen who formed an imposing guard of honour. The Conservative candidate was accompanied by crowds of men, lads and even women and girls, bearing aloft torches, pink lights and Union Jacks, and blowing tin trumpets and whistles. CWN 10 01 14a

1910 07 08

Bankruptcy W.J. Pink, ladies and gentlemen's hosier, St Andrew's st - 10 07 08 & a St Andrew's street Baptist new minister, Rev M.E. Audrey

1912 05 17

Cambridge tobacconists are organising a petition in favour of compulsory closing. Many wish to close but a tobacconist in St Andrew's Street complains that although he would be glad of a rest on Thursday afternoons he cannot afford to do so as shops on either side of him are doing a good trade and his regular customers would desert him. College kitchens have stores of tobacco which they will sell to members of the University and this will have to be fought out in the future. Amongst the signatures are John Kitteridge, A.J. Ransom, Albert Maile, S.P. Ora and Bacon Bros. 12 05 17

1913 02 28

Rev M.E. Aubrey, minister St Andrew's Street Baptist church – profile, 13 02 28 p3 & 5 CIP

1915 09 17

Cambridge Men's Brotherhood started 10 years ago, meetings St Andrew's Street Baptist, now to meet Playhouse, Mill Rd.

1918 07 10

Motor car nearly overturns bus on St Andrew's Street – 18 07 10b

1920

1920 03 06 CDN

Licensing renewals: Turnstile, Newmarket Rd; George IV East Rd; Queen's Arms, St Andrew's Street; Smith and Wheelwrights Arms, East Rd; Boot, King St; Dewdrop, Gwydir St; Tally Ho; Indian Chief, Chesterton

1920 03 10

Licensing sessions: refer East Road : Turnstile. George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms, King St; Boot; Gwydir St; Dewdrop; Newnham: Tally Ho; Chesterton: Indian Chief; Cherry Hinton Hopbine; Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – 20 03 10b

1920 12 31

Herbert Robinson garage, St Andrew's street to open in New Year

1921 07 06

St Andrew's Street Baptist Church war memorial unveiled – 21 07 06a

1924 09 27

Nowadays telephones are accepted as belonging to the general order of thing that are, and even the proverbial small boy ceases to be curious. Businessmen alternately regard the telephone was an infernal nuisance or an indispensable instrument. Telephones were curiosities in 1878 when an undergraduate at Pembroke College fixed up two between his digs in St Andrew's street and a little summerhouse at the bottom of the garden. These were absolutely the first seen in Cambridge.

1924 11 06

The night of the 5th of November was clear and calm, and there was a bright moon to light the way of revellers – ideal conditions for a "rag". So evidently thought a large crowd of undergraduates and townsmen that gathered on Cambridge Market Hill in hopes. Police stood around in little groups taking a giving chaff good humouredly with the crowd. Squibs and occasional small rockets broke the peace and were heralded by faint cheers and feminine shrieks if they happened to go off in the press. The first intimation of anything interesting was the sight of a small youth, pale and very troubled looking, marching up St Andrew's street, firmly held by a constabulary hand.

1925 02 06

The recommendation of the Watch Committee that Cambridge Town Council purchase for the sum of £5,500 the Fountain public house, St Andrew's street, for the purpose of extending the police and fire brigade stations was not adopted. Coun. Few said they had heard a lot about not being able to afford works of utility, now they were proposing to buy premises and pull them down, thereby using skilled labour which might be used in building houses. Coun. Kenney asked if the brigade needed to be in such a prominent position

1925 11 18 c

Foreign missions take an important place in the religious life of Cambridge, and the reports from China of the shocking ill-treatment and martyrdom of missionaries at the hands of the Boxers, have been read with grave anxiety and pain in this town. The fate of Mr & Mrs Herbert Dixon has greatly exercised the minds of their many friends and it is now recognised that all hope of their having escaped is past. They were for some months in Cambridge, residing at Mill Road and when leaving were recipients of presentations from the congregation of St Andrew's Street Baptist church. Another melancholy case is that of the sister of Mr Doggett of The Farm, Cherry Hinton but Miss Gregg has escaped and is now on her way home.

1929 09 23

An outbreak of window scratching has occurred in Cambridge over the weekend. Shopkeepers along St Andrew's Street discovered with disgust that scratches and scrawls which had not been there when the shops closed. On some of the windows grooves have been cut, apparently with a diamond. Among the worst affected are Johnson Bros dyers, Flack and Judge grocers, G.P. Hawkings confectioners and the Ideal Cleaning Company. Marks of a previous outbreak of a more serious nature are still to be seen on many shop windows in Regent Street, p8

1929 12 04

An explosion in St Andrew's Street plunged a considerable part of Cambridge's shopping centre into darkness. The cover plate of a junction box of the Electric Supply Company was blown off and several people had a narrow escape from injury. Flames leapt up from the hole and blazed fiercely. For some minutes there was great excitement, people rushing hither and thither. Police whistles were blown and the Fire Brigade turned out but found that the fire had already been put out by a motorist with a fire-extinguisher from his car. Shops and houses in a large area were deprived of light and the printing of the 6.30 edition of the C.D.N. was held up.

1930

1930 02 13

Arbury Baptist church stonelaying photo, p5
St Andrew's street cables photo, p8

1930 12 12

There was an exciting scene in the centre of Cambridge at mid-day. Amid cries of 'Stop, stop' and the blowing of police whistles, a man made a headlong dash down St Andrew's Street. People turned and stared and as a means of stopping him a cycle was thrown in front of his path. Eventually he was captured and, with a stalwart policeman on each side, was walked back to the police station. He appeared to be a young man, smartly dressed in a light coloured suit and grey soft hat. He was charged with passing counterfeit half-crowns. 30 12 12b & 30 12 13

1932 02 26

St Andrew's Court, off St Andrew's Street, was a disgraceful place in the centre of Cambridge. It was not only an eye-sore, but dangerous. Properties were dark, damp, reeking with age and decay. The houses were not fit for human habitation, children under school-leaving age will not be permitted to live there – but what of young mothers and old people? Such slums should be demolished, the Medical Officer urged. 32 02 26

1933 06 15

David John Scott had been engaged in photographic work all his business life. He first started in 1884 in partnership with Mr Wilkinson at 47, St Andrew's Street. They bought an existing business for £300 and traded for five or seven years before the partnership was dissolved and he bought Wilkinson out. About September 1932 he had to leave those premises and remove to 59 Regent Street, which affected the business. Trade had declined and people were not having their photographs taken as much as they used to. 33 06 15c

1934 01 08

Thousands of people lined both side of St Andrew's Street when the Queen and Duchess of York paid a private visit to Mr Woolston's antique shop where the Queen chose several tiny ivory objects for her famous doll's house. She also inspected the Cambridge Tapestry Company's premises in Thompson's Lane where they watched the women workers actually engaged at the canvas and saw the tapestry panelling now being made for Lord Fairhaven, depicting his seat at Anglesey Abbey. 34 01 08

1934 01 30

Another interesting part in the Queen's visit to Cambridge was played by Mr Walter Riddy, proprietor of the St Andrew's Road Garage, Chesterton. After the Royal car had broken down and the Queen had been driven by Mr Percy Titmous, he received a telephone message requesting the hire of a Daimler saloon at short notice. He changed out of his working clothes and drove to Mr Roe's shop in St Andrew's Street to take the Queen to the Copper Kettle Café and then on to Exning. There she invited him to remain for lunch but he had another engagement and could not accept. 34 01 30

1934 05 29

The new Cambridge Post Office in St Andrew's Street was needed to meet ever-growing demand. People knew they could obtain wireless licences, motor licences and gun licences but not that they could get marriage licences as well. There was criticism that the stamps remained the same but it was not policy to make money out of philatelists by creating unnecessary issues and would mean altering stamp machines. Now deliveries would improve and the 26,000 letters a week delivered by second post will in future secure first post delivery. 34 05 29 & 30

1934 06 29

In spite of its delightfully antique appearance the inside of the new Fountain public house in St Andrew's Street is the last word in modern efficiency. Owned by William Younger of Edinburgh, the architect was C.M. Quilter and the Tudor style mirrors their other pubs up and down the country. The Scottish atmosphere is maintained by the variety of tartan panels and coats of arms which decorate the windows. 34 06 29

1934 08 02

Road repairs St Andrew's St – photo – 34 08 02

1934 08 16

Ye Olde Castle Hotel in St Andrew's Street was devastated by fire. Every fireman and policeman was called from other duties as smoke billowed from the gabled windows leaving people gasping at its pungency. Staff and volunteers busied themselves removing furniture. The Hotel ranked as one of the oldest inns in Cambridge, dating back to the 13th century. It was reconstructed about 1620 and the last extensive additions were in 1891. It is doubted whether it will be possible to restore the damaged parts of this historic building. 34 08 16

1935 01 23

Her Majesty, Queen Mary, paid a surprise visit to Cambridge to purchase some antiques for her collection. So informal was the visit that even the police were not told she was coming and did not know she was in the town until her car was recognised. Officers then proceeded to Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street where there was soon a crowd of about 1,000 people. Motor cars parked nearby were removed and for some time bewildered drivers were inquiring the whereabouts of their vehicles. The Queen visiting all 16 rooms and bought a number of choice specimens of china, glass and furniture which were placed gently in her car. 35 01 23a

1935 10 01

Cambridge Justices approved the plans of Associated British Cinemas for a new cinema to be erected in St Andrew's Street. The site had been left derelict after fire burnt down a large part of the Castle Hotel in 1934. The application was opposed by the Theatre Cinema and the Rendezvous. There were nine cinemas in Cambridge with 6,300 seats and it would be impossible for them all to carry on if a super cinema like this were built. The Victoria was built four years ago, the Arts Theatre was completely new and the Rendezvous was having more seats and an organ. But the Cosmopolitan had closed and the Guildhall and Corn Exchange licences were rarely used. 35 10 01 & a

1936 03 21

Many people have wondered about the object of the black and white poles which have sprung up along St Andrew's Street and Hills Road. The Ministry of Transport have finally given permission to

the system of unilateral parking and the posts will be adorned with notices warning motorists not to park on the wrong side of the road on the wrong day. There is also some reason for believing that the new 'one-way' streets will also be brought into operation before very long. 36 03 21a

1936 03 25

Roger Roe carried on the antique business in St Andrew's Street in succession to his father and many times had the honour of waiting upon royalty, dies – 36 03 25c

1936 06 11

"Sluice" (George Edward) Parker was a street vendor of various things, at one time flowers, at another matches. It was a matter of common knowledge that he was always a little "tipply" on his legs and was ever so deaf. He had been crossing St Andrew's Street when a number of cyclists came round the corner which seemed to daze him. He'd stepped back right into the path of a Homerton student. Police said he smelled strongly of drink but was not drunk. It would only have taken the merest touch to upset his equilibrium. He'd been taken to Hospital in the Police Ambulance where he died of pneumonia. 36 06 11

1936 07 04

Cambridge street lighting is being brought up to standard. Hills Road and St Andrew's Street are already ablaze. So is Sidney Street. Twenty-three miles of streets will be illuminated by autumn. Side lights properly equipped with seven watt bulbs are all that are now required by motorists. Pedestrians and cyclists are now visible from afar after dark. The lamps are lit automatically by clock devices and soon the familiar figure of the lamp-lighter will disappear from the streets forever 36 07 04

1936 08 24

A freshwater eel, well over two feet long appeared in St Andrew's Street about tea-time on Saturday. The eel, which appeared to have been dead for some time, first made its appearance through the grating which carries the stream by the side of St Andrew's Street. A passer-by saw it floating and lifted the grating, allowing the eel to fall into the gutter. It attracted great interest until removed by a Corporation scavenger. The water flows up into the gutter from the underground Hobson's Brook and the eel must have been carried along by the stream 36 08 24

1936 11 28

Billy Cotton, who is bringing his popular band to the Theatre Cinema, St Andrew's Street, has a style of his own. He stands coolly in the centre of the stage and with little more than a flick of the wrist gets just what he wants from the musicians. The band is a variety show in itself, best-liked on the stage because the wireless and gramophone cannot do them full justice. The comedians are especially good, there are two Japanese entertainers, a conjuror, dancers and a pair of trick cyclists. But Cotton is also a keen racing motorist and has just bought Sir Malcolm Campbell's original 'Bluebird' which he intends racing at Southport. 36 11 28a & 36 12 01

1936 11 28

Brazen George Inn was in St Andrew's Street, Alexandra Street was its yard – 36 11 28

1937 02 01

Alexander Paul MacAlister was articled to Messrs Fawcett's, a Cambridge firm of architects, before starting on his own in St Andrew's Street 45 years ago. He designed the new block at Fulbourn Mental Hospital and the Tubercular Hospital at Antwerp as well as many houses in Madingley Road. He founded the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society and played parts in all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. 37 02 01

1937 02 04

Proposed alterations to the police and fire station were opposed by councillors as it meant compulsory purchase of property belonging to St Andrew's street Baptist Church. The fire station could be moved to Maid's Causeway allowing the police space for the next 50 years. But there did need to be

accommodation for constables – recently when a large number of additional men were required for emergency service the Chief Constable had to send motor ambulances and motor patrol vans to whip them up. 37 02 04a & b

1937 02 06

Although rebuilt as recently as 1935, Robinson's garage in St Andrew's Street has again been enlarged to meet ever-increasing business. This has enabled them to enlarge their radio department which is quite distinct from the motoring side of the business. It is staffed by men who have made radio their special study and offers hundreds of brand-new sets (some in their original cases) at pounds below list prices. The radio service department is one of the finest in the entire country with engineers from Marconi, H.M.V. and Pye factories. 37 02 06c & d

1937 02 12

Mr G.H. Jacob specialises in his tailoring for ladies and gentlemen and holds Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in addition to thirteen trade diplomas. He offers a complete gentlemen's outfitting service. The shop at 34 and 35 Burleigh Street was established in 1859 by Mr P.S. Stevenson and taken over by Mr Jacob in 1912. In 1926 the business was extended by the opening of a branch shop at 23 St Andrew's Street where extensive enlargements and alterations have just been completed. 37 02 12

1937 08 16

Sir – as a small boy in the 1880s my first impressions of Cambridge were so different from today as to be almost incredible. Cambridge, bounded practically by Mill Road railway gates, Paper Mills Bridge, Hills Road Bridge and Queens' Road was a glorified village. It smacked of medieval times with its Spinning House in St Andrew's Street and bread and butter was retailed in yard length by Varsity tradesmen. The fastest vehicles on the road were the pretty tandem horses in dog carts affected by rich undergraduates and hansom cabs and I remember assisting the shepherd of Mr Joseph Sturton's sheep with his flock to and from Parker's Piece where they were grazed – P.J. Wright 37 08 16

1938 10 28

The Cambridge & County Girls School started in 1900 in the Drill Hall, East Road, then known as the Technical Institute. By 1903 they overflowed into rooms belonging to the Zion Chapel Sunday School and it was not until 1909 that they moved to the present buildings, retiring headmistress, Miss Dovey said. But in August 1914, when war broke out, the school was taken possession of by the Welsh Fusiliers and other regiments. For a year the school was housed in Emmanuel College lecture rooms and St Andrew's Street Sunday School. Soon they would move to new premises in Long Road 38 10 28 & a

1939 06 17

Theatre Cinema, St Andrew's Street, known for many years as the New Theatre, was closed in January of last year after the pantomime but specially reopened for one week in November for the annual production by Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society of 'The Pirates of Penzance'. Now the ABC company has decided to use the building once again as a cinema 39 06 17

1940

1940 11 09

Duchess of Gloucester opens new WVS club, St Andrew's Street – 40 11 09a & b

1941 06 21

Mayor cuts down railings WVS HQ, St Andrew's Street – photo – 41 06 21b

1941 98 15

James Henry Kidd of Kidd & Baker dies aged 72; first worked for Faulkner-White in St Andrew's Street, then Scott & Wilkinson. Opened his own business in St Mary's studios 36 years ago and was joined by Miss Baker who had worked with him at Scott & Wilkinson. Business thrived, good mixed

trade with University and town. War produced difficulties in obtaining materials and the studio was forced to close – 41 08 15a

1944 01 29

CDN publisher, C. Maile celebrates 50 years – memories – front office was at extreme end of arcade facing the street; on one side entrance to Theatre Royal and on other entrance to kindergarten school when New Theatre wanted old office as refreshment buffet for stalls the front was moved to present editorial offices. Later moved right up to St Andrew's Street in place of Alphonso Smith's boot shop and Scott & Wilkinson's photographic establishment. Helped publish Victoria Diamond supplement. Appointed published in 1913 and has remained. Remembers when 'Weekly' printed four pages a time on the old Wharfedale press when copies had to be 'knocked up' and counted out in dozens. During General Strike of 1926 CDN produced a single morning sheet which circulated widely. Delivery of weekly paper provided problem in absence of trains and buses and with only one horse and cart for town delivery. Managed with help of Bim Hodder and his sports car, the Herts and Beds Bacon Company and a hired lorry – 44 01 29

1944 05 05

Telephone supervisor, Grace Curzon retires after 45 years; was one of two telephone operators in Trunk Exchange of Old Post Office. The local telephone exchange was on Market Hill under control of the National Telephone Company. In 1913 the Post Office took control and a combined trunk and local exchange was installed in old Telephone Exchange premises in Alexandra Street. When automatic telephone working was introduced in 1925 it moved to new head Post Office in St Andrew's Street – 44 05 05a

1945 08 24

Queen Mary re-enters car after shopping visit to St Andrew's Street – 45 08 24

1946 01 12

Anglo-American Hospitality Committee wound up' started in 1942 when known that more than 300,000 American airmen would be stationed in East Anglia. Leave hostel established in lecture room over St Andrew's Street Baptist church until the Bull Hotel opened on Nov 4th. By then an information centre – later club – had been opened at the English-Soaking Union at Matthew's Café. Hospitality arranged in colleges and private houses. August 1943 saw first reception at Guildhall to a regiment of Supply Troops; also Christmas Eve party in Guildhall which broadcast. Concentrated on US Hospital patients and staff of their hospitals. Garden party at Pembroke when Freedom of Cambridge to US Eighth Air Force. – 46 01 12

1946 05 01

St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel Street road widening, discussion council and Emmanuel College – 46 05 01

1946 05 03

Proposal for car park at rear of Regent Terrace, would take 85 cars and no parking ban on St Andrew's Street – opposed – 46 05 03; demolition of air raid shelters means more light for residents

1947 11 20

The thoughts of women everywhere will be with H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, when, in a few short hours from now, she goes to the altar of Westminster Abbey to her bridegroom, Lieut Philip Mountbatten. Wedding presents have been bought as a response to the public appeal launched some time ago, when people were invited to subscribe a shilling each. Cambridgeshire's money has been spent on a collection of antique furniture and glass, two sets of books and two garden seats. The latter were made at Papworth Industries, but everything else was purchased in Cambridge and is on view to the public at Mr Stanley Woolston's shop in St Andrew's Street

1948 01 21

Princess Margaret paid her first visit to Cambridge to-day, when she accompanied Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary on a visit to Mr S.N. Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street. The Princess wore a pale blue costume, with a pale blue halo hat with a feather in it. Her coat was fawn fur, and she had blue lizard sling back shoes and a grey lizard bag. Her youthful charm drew spontaneous admiring remarks from the crowd which saw the Royal party leave. The Princess showed great interest in all she saw during her tour of the premises and asked several questions. She was obviously fascinated by the shop and its contents

1948 05 08

There must have been many conjectures as to how many cycles do pass up and down St Andrew's street, Cambridge, in the course of a day. A special cable apparatus used by Cambridge Borough Police yesterday recorded an average of 1,400 cycles per hour. During the peak period from 12.30 to 1.30 pm nearly 2,000 cyclists were clocked. Motor traffic figures are negligible by comparison only 460 vehicles an hour being "clocked" regularly over the whole day. The census was organised in connection with the one-way traffic system which will shortly be brought into operation

1949 01 17

The Queen, Queen Mary and Princess Margaret arrived in Cambridge by road from Sandringham to visit Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's street. They were welcomed by an unusually large "arrival" crowd which had started gathering about half-an-hour earlier. The concentration of police in the area had a magnetising effect. The Queen wore a dress and coat of rich purple, with matching felt hat and sling-back skin shoes, and silver grey fox furs. The hat was trimmed with veiling and small purple flowers. The crowd swelled steadily until there were several hundreds lining both sides of the pavements. The Queen was chatting when she walked from the shop to the car, and those nearest were honoured with the lovely, charming well-known smile

1949 07 16

Rapid progress has been made this week in the demolition of Coad's former shop at the junction of Emmanuel Street and St Andrew's street, Cambridge. The work, which forms part of the street widening scheme envisaged many years before the war, will involve the complete clearance of the corner and the provision of a larger curve to assist buses and increase visibility. There is no immediate prospect of further developments in the scheme but it is possible that a seat might be provided on the newly-cleared space.

1950

1950 05 12

When Stetchworth Dairies roundsman, Mr John Shorter, came out of a house in Downing Street he found his milk van had vanished. The horse had taken fright at noise from building operations and bolted at full gallop. Despite heavy traffic the horse swerved round the corner into St Andrew's Street, missed five motor cars and a bus by inches, and continued at a gallop towards Regent Street. Mr John Higgins cycled after the runaway, seized the bridles and gradually gained control over the horse and forced it to a standstill beyond the University Arms Hotel. Mr Higgins, not a young man, was handicapped by a heavy box of plants on the front of his cycle and his prompt and plucky action exhausted him

1950 12 30

A plea for the Borough Court to bring pressure to bear on the corporation to provide better parking facilities in Cambridge was made by a solicitor when he appeared on behalf of a motorist summoned for causing a motor car to wait in St Andrew's Street for a longer period than the permitted 15 minutes. "I feel it is only a matter of time before every motorist in Cambridge comes to court because he is forced to leave his car somewhere. The parking situation is a nightmare", said Mr A.H. Wild. "One feels the police are carrying this vendetta to extreme lengths", he added.

1952 04 16

Sir – I wonder how many Cambridge ratepayers approve of the idea of water trickling along the gutters of St Andrew's Street. It was laid in case cattle wanted a drink, which was a good idea. In 1952 however it is a bad idea because it makes the street narrower, especially when cars are parked and buses are forced close to the kerb. I saw a quart of water splashed into the lap of an infant in a small go-cart when a bus went past Stanley Woolston's shop at a smart walking pace and its mother was unable to manoeuvre out of the bus's bow wave. I'll wager she would like to see the tap turned off – O.C. Cox.

1952 05 17

Over ten years ago St Andrew's Street Baptist Church commenced work on the Ditton Fields Estate, Cambridge. A Sunday School was opened in the old Community Centre and later an Army hut was bought and re-erected on a grass verge on the estate. Now a new advance is in prospect; a splendid site at the corner of Dudley Road was made available by the Corporation and work is proceeding on the new building.

1952 06 05

While 26 assistants searched for smoke they could smell in their living quarters above the premises of Messrs Robert Sayle in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, a thick pall poured out of one of the windows on the top floor. When the alarm was raised a score of them dashed downstairs and through the shop carrying their belongings with them. One assistant, Miss Ann Todd, said: "I thought of all of my clothes and I struggled down from my room with masses of them. I wasn't going to leave them behind". As it was Thursday afternoon there were only about 30 people in the premises at the time. Staff organised a chain of buckets until the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

1953 01 02

About 200 cups of tea were served to bargain hunters as they queued waiting for the opening of the Belfast Linen Store's January sale. The queue started to form along St Andrew's Street soon after 5 a.m. and the long, chilly vigil was relieved by a welcome cup of piping hot tea at about 8 o'clock. It was dispensed from a van supplied by Hobbs' Pavilion, Parker's Piece. First bargains to go were quilt sets slashed from 12 to four guineas, spring interior mattresses reduced to £3 19s. and pillow cases at 1s. each.

1953 01 20

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, accompanied by Princess Margaret, paid a surprise visit to Cambridge to call at Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street. News of their coming was a secret, but a handful of people appreciated the significance of the 'No Waiting' signs & when the sleek Royal car drew up a crowd of about 200 had been attracted to the scene. The Queen Mother, fresh and charming as ever, returned the cheers of the crowd with a smile and a friendly nod. Princess Margaret, demure, attractive and smiling followed her mother into the shop which has now enjoyed Royal patronage for a great many years.

1953 03 17

Business at the Bene't Street, Cambridge, branch of Barclay's Bank has expanded to such a degree over recent years that additional premises are required to handle an 'overflow' of work. Now a new bank has been built at 3, St Andrew's Street. The counter is made of Honduras mahogany and glass panelling is extensively used, a modern feature which nevertheless preserves the traditional dignity of a bank. There is a unique feature about the new bank. Alongside the wall facing the church is a line of thirty tombstones, some 250 years old, which had to be displaced during building operations.

1953 05 20

A dress to be worn in Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day by a Cambridge resident has been sold by Vogue's of St Andrew's Street. An afternoon dress of pure silk its price was 65 guineas. "We are absolutely thrilled, it is a great honour", said Mr M. Harris, the proprietor. They have also sold three evening gowns to be worn at Coronation balls in London connected with the Court. White is proving

to be the most popular choice this year for May Ball dresses; the off-the-shoulder style is in demand and the average price is 15 guineas

1953 11 16

The Cambridge Daily News made their own news when a fire broke out in the front office of the St Andrew's Street premises which are immediately opposite the Fire Station. P.C. Roberts noticed smoke coming from the building and smashed the front doors. While he was under a table smothering the flames the rising heat brought the sprinkler system into operation, preventing the blaze from spreading. The Fire Station send over a pump escape and turntable ladder and the fire was under control within four minutes. A number of replies to advertisements were damaged and it would be advisable if readers who have answered adverts within the last few days would write again.

1954 01 13

A crowd of about 100, including a fair sprinkling of undergraduates, saw Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret arrive at Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge on one of the private shopping visits which they so often make while at Sandringham. The Royal Party remained inside for an hour and during this time one of the biggest crowds to be seen had collected. The pavements on both sides of the street were a solid mass of people and shop assistants took up vantage positions in windows overlooking the scene. The mid-day meal must have been late in many homes judging by the number of housewives with heavily-laden shopping baskets who stood in the crowd.

1954 06 30 c

An undergraduate who tore down a small signboard from the outside wall of the Cambridge Daily News office and then waved it in the road to stop traffic, was fined a total of £2 and ordered to pay 10s., the cost of replacing it. Pc D. Murfitt said he was in St Andrew's street at 11.10 pm and saw a group of undergraduates coming towards him. One of them was trying to stop traffic in the centre of the road by waving a blue board. When the lad saw him he tried to conceal the board under his gown. The undergrad wrote admitting the offence adding: "I am afraid I behaved very foolishly. The exams were over and this was a stupid way of letting off steam".

1954 07 20

Planners have approved a new development between St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel New Court, Cambridge. There will be shops on the ground floor and offices above and the building will be of a high architectural standard in keeping with its position in the centre of the city. Provision must be made for a widening of Emmanuel Street and be sited to allow for a free circulation of the shopping traffic generated. Car parking facilities are advocated, either by way of a basement or by access to a space on the roof.

1955 07 02

Miss Kathleen Payne, 76, is retiring after a lifetime in the newsagents' business as her shop in Emmanuel Street is to be pulled down. It marks the end of one of Cambridge's familiar landmarks. The business was started by her father who remembered selling his first C.D.N. in 1888. Miss Payne has lived there all her life & recalls when chickens used to run down St Andrew's Street before the days of super shops, large cinemas and motor buses. 55 07 02

1955 11 02

She was only about eight but she looked far more confident than many of the car drivers who edged their way out of Downing Street at lunch time. Unescorted she steered her conveyance neatly through the traffic and with a satisfied shake of her head rode off on her little black pond down St Andrew's Street. The cars were left behind at the junction. 55 11 02a

1956 07 14

Mr Stanley Woolston has removed his antiques business to Pembroke Street. It is a wrench to leave his former premises in St Andrew's Street after 30 years where he has been honoured by the gracious

patronage of members of the Royal Family. But the buildings have been affected by the redevelopment of Emmanuel Street and plans to link Drummer Street with a shopping arcade. He will retain his warehouse at the end of Bradwell's Yard until the area is ripe for rebuilding. 56 07 14

1956 11 27

A proposal to close Christ's Lane and provide an alternative footway between Drummer Street and St Andrew's Street was approved in 1954. But now Christ's College have proposed an alternative consisting of an arcade leading into a central courtyard then through another arcade to Drummer Street. The council would be responsible for maintaining, cleaning and lighting it. 56 11 27a

1957 06 26

Rance's Folly, the large redbrick house now being demolished in St Andrew's Street once had several lifts, four bathrooms and central heating – as well as a swimming pool. Guests even played tennis on the roof. It was built by Henry Rance who was Mayor in 1878 and 1882 – when he held council meetings in his dining room - and included a ballroom whose floor was laid by experts brought specially from Germany. Here his granddaughters were never at a loss for partners. 57 06 21 & 21a

1957 08 23

Plans have been announced for a modern shopping arcade linking St Andrew's Street and Drummer Street bus station, replacing the Christ's Lane. There would be a two-storey block of shops facing an open court together with a waiting room for bus passengers and basement parking for 21 cars and 100 bicycles. 57 08 23b & c

1957 09 06

You would hardly expect to find flowers and plants high above Cambridge in the land of roof tops and chimney stacks but among the slated slopes of 4, St Andrew's Street Mrs P. Southgate has created a roof garden. She has turned a small lobby into a conservatory with trailing plants and ferns, tubs and boxes of earth making an attractive relief to what can so easily be a dismal scene. 57 09 06

1957 11 26

St Andrew's Street development photo, p7

1957 11 28

Hobson's Conduit channels down each side of St Andrew's Street to be cut off, allowing road to be made wider – 57 11 28

1959 02 07

Bradwell's court development – sketch – 59 02 07

St Andrew's Street transformation in a year – photos – 59 02 07a

1959 02 26

Gordon Thoday has specialised in fabrics for over a quarter of a century. At the new contemporary shop in St Andrew's Street modern display counters give the advantage of self-selection, or if you prefer our staff will be happy to serve you from the immense and exciting variety of the newest British and Continental fabrics. Our Sussex Street shop continues as usual – Advertisement. 59 02 26

1959 03 01

Emmanuel College's new building in St Andrew's Street has attracted many protests and the Anti-Ugly Society joined a mock funeral procession lead by four pall-bearers looking somewhat like Teddy Boys in their 'mourning weeds'. They bore a coffin inscribed 'Here Lieth British Architecture' which was placed outside the Porter's Lodge as mourners chanted 'Pull it down and burn it.' Although most onlookers treated the protest as a great joke for the Anti-Ugly Society it was a matter of serious importance in their genuine concern for architecture. 59 03 01b

1959 06 18

The giant new Prudential Building on the junction of St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel Street incorporates the latest building techniques with heating and hot water provided by electrical units which take power from the mains during 'off-peak' hours and store it for use during the day. Acoustic ceiling tiles provide quieter working conditions, floors are of a coloured plastic tile and decorations in pastel shades. The basement contains a large garage and special storage to cater for the large use of bicycles by staff. 58 06 18

1959 07 02

Exclusive shoemakers for over a century – that is the proud tradition of A. Jones and Sons who came to Cambridge as successors to Thrussells of St Andrew's Street – a name known for courtesy, quality and value. Their fine new shop is the latest of 35 Jones branches and stocks Airborne, Joyce, Rayne, Scandies and Van-Dal shoes for ladies – advertisement. 59 07 02

1960s The Cambridgeshire Collection has newspaper cuttings from this date

1960

1960 01 23

Bradwell's Court, the new public footway linking St Andrew's Street with Drummer Street, was opened for the first time this week. At the same time Christ's Lane, the old cobbled pathway, was closed. With an arcade at each end and an 'open style' court in the centre, the new thoroughfare is flanked by 13 shops 60 01 23c

1961 05 29

Westminster Bank opened their first Cambridge branch at the junction of Trumpington Street and Bene't Street in 1845. It was closely connected with University and College life and the original premises have been enlarged several times. Now a continued expansion in business has seen a handsome new bank in St Andrew's Street together with the modernisation of the one in Fitzroy Street which opened in 1952 to cater for that active and expanding shopping area 61 05 29a

1961 06 16

New Theatre, formerly St Andrew's Hall and Theatre Royal, St Andrew's Street – history by F.A. Reeve 61 06 16c & d

1961 07 01

The Roe family has been well known in Cambridge since Joseph Roe started in the antiques trade in Petty Cury in 1826. Now one more facet of the old times will disappear with the demolition of their shop on the corner of Christ's Lane and St Andrew's Street. It has been in existence since 1882, having been rebuilt in 1897. New buildings will rise on the site in keeping with the contemporary Bradwell's Court. The business has relocated to Downing Street where it will be continued by Owen Roe. 61 07 01a

1962 01 02

Clearing snow St Andrew's street & dumping it at Quayside – photos – 62 01 02b

1962 04 16

Cambridge Daily News moved from St Andrew's Street to Newmarket Road – 62 04 16c

1962 08 11

Bradwell's Court arcade and shop development has been a joint venture between Jesus and Christ's Colleges and Ravenscroft Properties. It stretches from St Andrew's Street through to Drummer Street bus station and provides a continuous covered route to the city centre. Work on demolishing the out-of-date shops and buildings started as long ago as October 1957 but was held up by difficulties over leases. The last tenant to go was the well-known antique dealer, Mr K.A. Rowe. By the time the

University term begins again the development will be complete and all the 20 new shops and showrooms fully occupied. 62 08 11a

1962 09 05

A voice on the telephone last night warned the manageress of the Kenya Coffee House in St Andrew's Street, 'There is a time-bomb in the café, it will wreck the place within an hour'. An emergency call went to the police and a squad of ten detectives who rushed to the café ordered its immediate closure. It was the second bomb hoax on the premises within the last month. Staff say they lost about £4 in takings while the premises were closed. At about the same time the Fire Brigade received a call from a foreign sounding voice to say the Scotch Hoose Café was on fire. But nothing was wrong. 62 09 05b

1963 12 31

Cambridge News new offices on corner St Andrew's Street marks transfer of business from office in New Theatre Building – 63 12 31a

1964 03 04

St Andrew's Street rebuilding photos – 64 03 04a

1964 10 08

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on St Andrew's Street – 64 10 08

1965 02 03

Inquiry into development Downing St – St Andrew's Street – 65 02 03b

1965 05 24

Minister rejects plan for redeveloping Downing Street, Downing Place & St Andrew's Street triangle – 65 05 24, 24b

1967 11 30

Cambridge Building Society formed as Cambridge Benefit Building Society in 1847open new offices in St Andrew's Street – 67 11 30, a

1968 05 02

City council buys block property in St Andrew's Street to make shopping arcade through to Lion Yard – 68 05 02

1969 03 19

Milletts outfitters, St Andrew's Street damaged by fire which threatened a whole block of shops and offices; may have been raided – 69 03 19, 19f

1970

1972 01 18

Norwich Union building, corner St Andrew's Street and Downing Street – history – 72 01 18 & a b

1974 07 18

Seven generation of Barretts have been supplying the citizens of Cambridge with pottery and glass since the C18. This week the family business is virtually "coming home to roost" in opening up new premises in Gt St Mary's Passage – only a stone's throw from the spot where Simon Barrett opened up his first shop nearly 200 years ago. The long-established premises in St Andrew's Street will still remain in business.

1975 02 10

Cambridge's city centre traffic experiment swung into action today. Thousands of motorists faced the through-traffic ban for the first time. The road closures and a system of one-way routes will operate

for six months unless “utter chaos” develops. The scheme could then be swiftly abandoned. It closes two sections of road in the centre of town to private cars. One extends along King’s Parade from King’s College gate to Gt St Mary’s while the other runs from Woolworth’s along St Andrew’s street to its junction with Emmanuel St

1975 05 09

The Varsity restaurant in St Andrew’s Street, Cambridge, is not the place to go if you are fussy in demanding smart décor. But it does offer good wholesome food at extremely low prices. We saw one elderly gentleman complaining that his carafe of wine (£1.10 a half litre) was too cold. The obliging waiter held it in front of an electric convector fire to bring it to a more acceptable temperature. It was little more than a gesture, as the fire was not plugged in. We ate a three-course meal, with wine, and the bill for two was £3.25 75 05 09

1975 06 11

The much-criticised second stage of Cambridge city council’s central area traffic experiment has been abandoned and traffic flow systems introduced five weeks ago withdrawn. This means there is again two-way traffic in Regent Street, Parkside, Emmanuel Road and Short Street. Through traffic is still banned along parts of St Andrew’s Street, Sidney Street & Kings Parade. City police said many motorists were confused by the changes which it was improving impossible to enforce. Long traffic queues had built up at major junctions since the start of the experiment which brought traffic chaos to the city

1975 07 09

Dozens of traders in central Cambridge have mounted a campaign aimed at persuading the city council to drop its traffic control scheme, which prevents cars from going along parts of King’s Parade, St Andrew’s Street & Sidney Street. They are complaining about a big slump in business since the scheme started six months ago. Some say they have experienced a 50% drop. Shops are hit by the traffic ban during the day and restaurants, pubs & places of entertainment suffer at night. Tomorrow the council will be recommended to ask Whitehall to make the scheme permanent.

1975 09 29

Number 10 Downing Street, Cambridge, the new Norwich Union Building has been ‘topped out’. It replaces the former building on the corner of St Andrew’s Street. There were some protests about the loss of the old buildings but planning permission was eventually given after the Royal Fine Art Commission approved the designs.

1976 07 24

A Cambridge hot dog seller was in fighting spirits after the latest attempts to have him moved from his regular “pitch” at Bradwell’s Court. Last week Ravenseft Properties suspended four metal poles from the arcade roof at the St Andrew’s Street end to keep the stall out – but he simply side-stepped the poles. Now they have fixed more poles. In order to stay he would have to stand on the public right of way through the court – and risk being summoned for obstruction. Managers of two neighbouring cafes claim his stall is damaging their trade and he can undercut them since he doesn’t pay rates, rent or wages. Yesterday he was determined to fight it out “to the bitter end. If they want me moved they will have to carry me out”, he said

1976 08 03

The Government has decided that the experimental traffic restriction system in the centre of Cambridge can become permanent. Through traffic will be prevented from going along Sidney Street and St Andrew’s street between Emmanuel and Market Street junctions, and along King’s Parade. The experiment was introduced 18 months ago – against a background of support from amenity organisations and opposition from city centre traders who carried their protests to a public inquiry.

1980

1980 09 03

Visitors to Cambridge will be confused if they use the latest Ordnance Survey map of the city. The Lion Yard shopping centre, completed more than five years ago, is not shown but marked as a collection of tiny streets. Christ's Lane, closed for the past 15 years and not even visible, is still shown as leading from Drummer Street to St Andrew's Street whilst the University Centre is an empty space. Even the Tourist Information Centre is shown as at the front of the Guildhall, rather than the back. The O.S. said it did not seem very satisfactory 80 09 03b

1983 03 26

It is 30 years since Charles Antoni took over the Varsity Restaurant in St Andrew's Street. His philosophy is to provide a warm and pleasant atmosphere coupled with good food and service at a price which did not leave you with a full stomach and light wallet. The menu offers Greek, French, Cypriot and English dishes. Starters cost between 40p and £1.05 and apart from a range of charcoal-grilled steaks and a couple of kebab dishes, none of the main courses cost more than £2.70. Sweets are priced between 60 and 80p. 83 03 26 p10

1983 12 19

Vogue, one of Cambridge's most distinctive fashion shops is closing but for them a closing-down sale does not mean a wild scrimmage as customers fight over coats and dresses. Instead a locked door keeps the bargain-hunters out on the pavement while staff deal with two or three clients at a time. Vogue first opened in 1934 when Mark Harris set out to build a high-class trade which today means dresses of up to £500 in price. They are the top fashion house in East Anglia but soon the old shop and its garden will disappear. His father opened Modiste in a former public house further down St Andrew's street in the 1920s and all of his six brothers and sister were in business in Cambridge. 83 12 19 p5

1984 09 06

A blaze swept through the ABC cinema in St Andrew's Street, gutting the central part of the 730-seat auditorium. The recently-renewed screen melted with the heat and the rest was damaged. The Polyurethane seat and floor coverings caused a lot of smoke which penetrated the upstairs ABC2 cinema. It is believed to have been started by a cigarette end left smouldering by a cinema-goer. Last year the Victoria cinema was damaged by an arson attack. 84 09 06

1984 11 02

Own Roe, the St Andrew's Street antiques dealer, is the latest in a line of specialist private shops owners to be driven out of the centre of Cambridge by massive rent rises. His great-grandfather started in business at the corner of Christ's Lane in 1822 but that shop was pulled down to make way for Bradwell's Court in the 1960s. Recently E.J. Pigott (tools) left Sussex Street after nearly 50 years and now the Granta Wool Shop is concerned about a rent review. Model Mania in King Street has also moved. 84 11 02 p8

1986 01 25

Cambridge City Council wants to increase central area parking as cheaply as possible and is prepared to do a deal with a developer to sell or lease the large area of waste land next the Lion Yard car park. Possibilities include an eight screen cinema complex to be developed by an American company, offices, houses and flats, a luxury hotel or shops linked to St Andrew's Street by moving walkways. Some of the schemes are very attractive visually but the ones that could give the council the best returns are amongst the ugliest. 86 01 25

1988 12 28

St Andrew's Street Baptist Church has opened a new three-storey Stone Yard Centre which nestles between the church and the Canon cinema, with a restaurant open to the public as its focal point. The cost has been high for the 300 regular churchgoers to find but plans are advanced for other projects including a luncheon club for the elderly and a marriage counselling service. 88 12 28b # c.83